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Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to any ebike use on public land.

My husband and I have live in Montezuma County for 35 years (our address is Mancos but we live closer to both Cortez and Dolores). Our land borders BLM and we use it as well as National Forest Service land in our area on at least a weekly basis. We also work in the summer in Hindsdale County at a small resort that borders the east side of the Weminuche Wilderness.

As you may know, Montezuma County is a mecca for mountain biking and new trails are being planned and built often. Though we agree with this in general and, in fact, supported a new parking area and trail head that is just 3/4 mile from our home, we strongly oppose ebikes on any public lands trail.

We already share trails with hikers, bikers and horse back riding. We have seen a significant increase in the number of people on the trails no matter when we go. This is also a critical archaeological area and bikes are allowed even in what I would consider sensitive areas. It is so much easier for those walking to share the trail.

When you add in regular bikes and horses, it is tricky at times.

I am 69 years old and do not expect all trails to be fit for my skill level. I want public lands especially Wilderness to exist for its own sake, not just for my and others recreation.

I oppose ebikes on public lands and appreciate your concern for this matter.

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